

**Minutes of the Southeast PTO
January 8, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:15 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Norma Fisher-Doiron, Edmond Chibeau, Monique Brown, Karen Sommer, Ron Baker, Kimberly Christenson, Andrea Newton

THANK YOU'S: Edmond Chibeau

Linda Sydie

For taking on the Stories for Southeast coordination

Leah Grover

For taking coordinating the Early Dismissal Telephone Tree

MANSFIELD SELF STORAGE - MansfieldSelfStorage.com

For donating storage space for our Spring Tag Sale goods.

Kimberly Clark, Margaret Morrison, Amy Chibeau,

Louanne Cooley, Linda Blum, Ruth Washington

For volunteering as assistants and organizing the snacks for the Science Sampler classes.

Pauline Hayes

For volunteering to coordinate the Sunshine Fund.

Kim O'Keefe

For organizing the Tag Sale drop-off & Storage with Mansfield Self Storage

Heather Spottiswoode, Julie Brown, Kim Ewalt

For their time spent sorting & distributing the Fall Giftwrap Fundraiser.

Sean Cox

For giving this month's Parents Hour talk about how to keep our kids safe as they explore the internet

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Norma Fisher Doiron

Calendar of Events passed around to review

Highlights:

January

11th = Science Fair kick-off with Holly Fitch-Briere

15th = MLK Jr. Day = No School

19th = 4th Grade skating event

February

16th = PE Trestle Tree program ends

19th – 23rd = Vacation

Parent's Hour – Keeping Kids Safe on the Internet by Sargeant Sean Cox – His big message was to supervise kids and avoid having a computer with Internet access in a child's bedroom. Think of what you wouldn't do with a stranger and apply this to internet use.

Upcoming Parent's Hour suggestions include one on student social interactions lead by the school psychologist Marie Leibman, tentatively scheduled for February or March

Another by Michelle Bagwell from the UCap program: Fast track for leadership – on fostering leadership qualities in children

Also one on classroom placement done by Norma Fisher Doiron.

Enrichment Committee's plans –

March 5 "Fit for Life" by the CT Ballet @ 11AM. We are sharing the cost with Goodwin so it costs us only \$500.

First week of April = Fitness week – English visitors coming to help facilitate activities like non-contact rugby, Brain Gym activities, Yoga, and Cricket

Ali Cano, a previous Southeast student, will lead a workshop on dance.

A School-wide circus is being planned for the spring.

Anniversary celebration: April 11 = Brian Giliad Family Sock Hop. Students have interviewed previous students at Southeast. These interviews will be displayed in February along with other items from our history. A time capsule will be developed in March that will be buried in May. There will be a birthday cake, a radio show with Wayne Norman, and a big evening event.

TEACHER'S REPORT: Monique Brown

Monique reviewed teacher response on moving the Friday flyer day to a different day. There was a mixed response. It was decided to keep it on Friday for now. There was a suggestion that more teachers do a "Friday Folder" to help parents receive notices in a more organized fashion. The Teacher Appreciation idea of a massage is also on hold, due to mixed response. Andrea Newton will look into Kung Fu at recess.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Monique Brown

November's minutes were reviewed.

AMENDMENTS: None at this time.

Motion for acceptance by: Ron Baker

2nd by : Karen Sommer

All in Favor

TREASURER'S REPORT: Norma Fisher-Doiron for Lesley Sweeney

November's Report was reviewed:

Highlights:

- We have raised 16,620.00 as of the end of December. On average at this time of year, we have raised only 9,200.00.
- Checking balance = \$17,106.83
- Fall Book Fair raised \$706.43 for the library

- \$5,200 needs to be raised for playscape because we underestimated how much it cost. Ron Baker motioned to pay for swing set out of money we have to cover the difference. Motion included that the PTO use tag sale money to cover this money. Motion 2nd by Andrea Newton. All in favor.

Motion to accept report: ?

Seconded by: ?

All in Favor

Indoor recess supplies: Age appropriate games needed. Cindi Wytek-Brandon will order. We will also solicit games from parents. A hold was put on giving money until next month. Up to \$100 is offered, to be determined at the next PTO meeting.

Karen Sommer looked into the various passes that the Town Library has. We have been sponsoring the Peobody Museum pass. Karen listed some other options. She will look into the usage of the Library's current passes. The Children Museum in West Hartford has one that offers buy one get one, for \$100. The New Britain museum pass was also recommended. Should we sponsor two passes? Will these two be instead of the current Peobody pass? These suggestions will be presented to Lesley Sweeney for budget review at the next meeting.

FUNDRAISING REPORT: Karen Sommer

Karen suggested not doing the planned fundraising in the Spring. She suggested just selling booklets at functions? She will ask Lesley if the PTO has counted on this income. Karen mentioned that the Girl Scouts are doing a Munson's candy fundraiser in the spring already. Unless Lesley says no, we'll forgo the spring fundraisers. Karen noted that the Scholastic book fair is coming up.

OTHER:

Edmond Chibeau stated that there has been a 60% response on directory listings for families. 10 have requested exclusion. We are currently looking to reach the remaining 40% of Southeast families.

Edmond reported that the Science Workshop was very popular. They are looking at offering one to 3rd & 4th grade and possibly another to the ones who didn't get on the last list.

Norma stated that we should begin looking into PTO officers for next year.

Motion to adjourn: Ron Baker

Motion seconded by: Karen Sommer

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:26 PM

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: MONIQUE M. BROWN 1/15/07

NEXT MEETING: February 5th, 2007